

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of certain military awards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.320. RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN COMBAT BADGES, MEDALS, OR RIBBONS [~~ACTION BADGE, MEDAL, OR RIBBON RECIPIENTS~~].

SECTION 2. Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Combat Medical Badge emblem and must include the words "Combat Medical Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

(d) A specialty license plate issued under this section for a badge or ribbon that may be awarded more than once shall [~~For purposes of Subsections (a) and (c), if a branch of the United States armed forces awards a Combat Action Badge or Ribbon with a unique emblem for each award of the Combat Action Badge or Ribbon to a recipient, the department shall only issue specialty license~~

1 ~~plates that~~] include only the [~~unique~~] emblem of the first award
2 badge or ribbon.

3 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
4 is amended by adding Section 504.323 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 504.323. TOMB GUARD. The department shall issue
6 specialty license plates for persons who serve or have served in the
7 Third United States Infantry Regiment as a guard for the Tomb of the
8 Unknown Soldier and are awarded the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown
9 Soldier Identification Badge. The license plates must include a
10 likeness of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification
11 Badge and must include the words "Tomb Guard" at the bottom of each
12 plate.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2115 was passed by the House on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2115 on May 21, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2115 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor